Country: Iceland 

Committee: NATO

Agenda Item : Ratification of Sweden’s NATO Membership and Tackling the Risk of Foreign Information Manipulation and Interference amid Russia’s invasion of Ukraine

Iceland is one of the founding members of NATO and has made a multitude of contributions to it. Iceland embraces NATO’s core values on regional security and has also made various investments such as the Iceland Defense Force. From 1951 to 2006, the United States operated the Iceland Defense Force, which was a part of NATO’s defense strategy. It provided foundation and support for NATO operations.

As a nation deeply committed to promoting regional security, Iceland supports the ratification of Sweden’s membership in NATO since it relies heavily on collective defense through NATO and Sweden’s membership will strengthen NATO’s presence in the Nordic region.

Iceland anticipates that Sweden will improve the military capabilities of NATO because Sweden operates numerous advanced systems including JAS 39 Gripen fighter jets which are air forces known for their agility. Furthermore, Iceland alongside other Nordic nations, supports the Sweden Accession and Integration Working Group and is looking forward to further improve Sweden’s military capabilities.

Iceland made an official statement condemning Russia’s invasion of Ukraine and believes that trying to justify this unrightful situation by manipulating information must be perceived as unacceptable.

Iceland has published a cyber security strategy in 2022 which has two primary objectives: Secure internet environment and exceptional competence and utilization of cybersecurity technology.

Iceland participates in NATO’s collective efforts like Cooperative Cyber Defence of Excellence which is a research center upon the significance of expanding cyber defense capabilities. Moreover, Iceland has been cooperating with the European Union by participating in the EU’s Code of Practice on Disinformation. Iceland has been also supporting the EU East StratCom Task Force which Iceland contributes to by monitoring disinformation campaigns and more.

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